

Whereas, Mr. O'Malley is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Interfaith Workers Justice, a group that uses faith and education to bring awareness about issues concerning wages, rights and benefits for hard-working people; and

Whereas, Mr. O'Malley has 30 years of experience and a very successful track record of helping workers and their families; be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Todd O'Malley on a lifetime of service. We recognize the tremendous impact he has had in his community and in the lives of those people he has touched.

#### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

#### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Centennial celebration of the town of Goldston, North Carolina in my congressional district. Goldston was settled in 1884 and became a charter town in Chatham County in 1907.

When Goldston was settled in 1884 it was first named Corinth, the name of a local church. The town was developed soon after the railroad began operating through the area in 1884. The town is located on a spur of the Norfolk Southern Railway that runs between Greensboro and Sanford. The railroad has been historically important to the growth of the town. The area is also an interconnection point for the Aberdeen, Carolina and Western Railway. Much of the rail traffic that comes through town is composed of grain hopper cars going to local poultry feed mills.

Corinth was later renamed Goldston in honor of Joseph John Goldston who donated the land for the railway station and made other substantial contributions toward the development of the town. Some of the early business enterprises were Bynum & Paschal, A.J. Goldston's general store, W.E. Goldston & Co. Goldston has always been a predominately rural town and most of the business and industry over the years has been centered on the area's agricultural heritage, mainly the poultry industry. Goldston had its first post office by 1889 with N.F. Barber as postmaster. Goldston soon became a trading center for the surrounding region and has long had a substantial lumber business. The town became incorporated February 20, 1907, at which time Walter L. Goldston became interim mayor until elections were held later that year.

Small towns like Goldston, NC are the heart and soul of America. Here, folks learn early values like hard work, faith in God and country and support of one another. These characteristics help make the Second District of NC such a special place to live, work, and raise a family.

Madam Speaker, the Town of Goldston has a rich history with strong family ties. It is an honor to represent this great town and it is fitting that we take a moment today to honor the Centennial celebration of the Town of Goldston.

#### STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD IN- TRODUCTION OF CLEAN WATER ACT RESOLUTION

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to join with Representatives VERN EHLERS, JAMES OBERSTAR, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, JOHN DUNCAN, JOHN DINGELL, WAYNE GILCHREST, JOHN HALL, and others to introduce a resolution honoring the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

Nothing is more critical than water, which has always been essential to our survival. It sustains human life, and its patterns have dictated the development of species and ecosystems.

Passed in 1972, the Clean Water Act has been one of our nation's most successful environmental laws. Even as the population of the United States has increased by close to 50 percent, our waterways have shown dramatic improvement in water quality. In 1972, only one-third of the country's waters met water quality goals—today two-thirds do.

However, with one-third of the country's waters still not meeting water quality goals, we cannot simply rest on our laurels. The issues confronting us today and over the next 35 years are even more complex. Our demand for water, coupled with its destructive potential, magnifies our past challenges. There are 6.5 billion people already on the planet and the population is expected to reach 9 billion or more by mid-century, with all of the additional population concentrated in metropolitan areas.

In addition, recent studies have documented a declining Federal investment in our Nation's water infrastructure systems, despite growing needs. Over 72,000 miles of pipes in this country were put in the ground over 80 years ago and are increasingly in need of repair. Our decaying water infrastructure was recently given a grade of D— by the American Society of Civil Engineers. I believe we need a sustainable, reliable, and dedicated revenue source that will help communities address these important needs.

Clean water is critical to environmental and public health; but it can also play an important role in bringing people together. As shown by this resolution, clean water is not a partisan issue. Recent polling has shown that more than eight in ten Americans are very or somewhat concerned that America's water will not be clean or safe for their children or grandchildren. Eighty-nine percent of Americans say that "federal investment to guarantee clean and safe water is a critical component of our nation's environmental well-being."

This is why I am pleased, in recognizing the success of the last 35 years, that we have the opportunity to recommit ourselves to the goals and objectives of the Clean Water Act, dedicate ourselves to working toward a sustainable, long-term solution to the Nation's decaying water infrastructure, and encourage the public to do the same.

I hope the House will move quickly on this important statement in support of clean and safe water.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 949 and 950, I missed these votes because my flight to Washington arrived after votes had concluded.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSISTANCE TAX ACT

#### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, 46 years ago, space was the next frontier and President Kennedy focused our Nation on the space outside our planet's atmosphere.

Today's Apollo mission is focused right here on planet Earth. Our challenge is the Renewable Energy Revolution. And nowhere is that call to action being answered better than in Southern Arizona's "Solar-con Valley."

In my home state we are once again proving that American innovation can meet any challenge. There, the leading solar experts who compose my Solar Advisory Council published a detailed assessment of Southern Arizona's solar landscape from research to market development and consumer awareness. Building on some of their recommendations, today I am introducing the Renewable Energy Assistance Tax Act.

My bill ensures that we do not let the sun set on valuable tax incentives for consumers and businesses who invest in renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies.

By extending these tax credits for 8 years, we will spur the innovation and investment vital to creating a reliable market for new solar technology.

Please join me answering this call to action and supporting solar and energy efficient technology.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING DON MYERS ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE FARM SCIENCE REVIEW HALL OF FAME

#### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Don Myers is appreciated for his dedication and contributions to Farm and Science Review; and

Whereas, he has been described as one of Farm Science Review's, "original three musketeers"; and

Whereas, he is recognized for his research and educational programs; and

Whereas, he has served the organization and his community selflessly and tirelessly; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Don Myers on his

contributions to the Farm and Science Review. Congratulations to Don Myers on his induction to the Farm and Science Review Hall of Fame.

# ATOMIC TESTING AND DEPLETED URANIUM: VETERANS NEED HELP

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge support for two bills I have just reintroduced, the "Recognition of Forgotten Atomic Veterans and their Surviving Spouses Act" (H.R. 3794) and the "You Were There, You Get Care Act" (H.R. 3795).

The Recognition of Forgotten Atomic Veterans and their Surviving Spouses Act (H.R. 3794) directs the Department of Justice to obtain the records of all Atomic Veterans from the Department of Energy Operations Office in Nevada. Using these records, they are to locate and advise all veterans or their surviving widows of their rights under RECA and guide them in filing a claim for the compensation that is due them.

RECA is the program passed by Congress in 1990 (P.L. 101-426) that provides compassionate payments to individuals who contract cancers and other serious diseases as a result of their exposure to radiation from above ground tests of nuclear weapons or from employment in underground uranium mines.

Because the VA did not provide medical care to Atomic Veterans in many cases, many died at an early age. So there are thousands of widows, many on fixed incomes, who have never heard of RECA and do not know that they may be eligible for compensation. My bill will help them apply and receive substantial compassionate payments to ease their burden.

The You Were There, You Get Care Act (H.R. 3795) ensures that veterans who served

in the 1991 Gulf War and subsequent conflicts will be considered "service-connected disabled" for any illnesses currently covered by RECA and other diseases found by the Veterans Affairs Secretary to result from depleted uranium exposure.

Depleted uranium is an incredibly effective weapon, but its residue has a half-life of 4 billion years and many believe that it is a carcinogen. We simply cannot allow another generation of veterans to be treated as were the Atomic Veterans.

In addition, this bill calls for an in-depth medical study to be conducted by independent civilian medical entities, independent of the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to determine other diseases that may result from exposure to depleted uranium.

We need to ensure that veterans from the Gulf War and all wars waged since will not die an early and painful death without the health care and compensation they need and deserve.

Taken together, my bills make a bold statement—that when young men and women volunteer for service, they can count on their government to compensate them and care for them if their service lends to illnesses. These assurances are so important and so necessary and should aid in the recruitment and retention of military personnel.

## EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2007*

Mr. SPACE. Mr. Speaker, I wish to make known my support for H. Res. 405, a bill expressing the sense of Congress in support of the immediate implementation of the July 8,

2006 agreement as the way forward to prepare for new comprehensive negotiations leading to the reunification of Cyprus within a bizonal, bicomunal federation as set out in the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.

On July 20, 1974, Turkey illegally invaded the island of Cyprus. Thirty-three years later, we remember this black day as we continue hammering out a suitable way forward. This is absolutely necessary as the people of Cyprus have suffered unjustly for far too long.

Thirty-three years ago, Turkish troops invaded Cyprus in flagrant disregard for international law. As a result, an estimated 160,000 true Cypriots were displaced and another 5,000 Cypriots were killed. The current occupied area is notably one of the most highly militarized areas in the world with 43,000 Turkish troops stationed there illegally. In an act of further defiance, in 1983, Turkish Cypriots declared themselves a sovereign nation. To date, they are the only ones who recognize themselves as such.

Together with both the E.U., and the U.N., the United States has been a strong ally of the Republic of Cyprus, and we owe it to her to continue our steadfast support. As a Congress, we must uphold our Nation's pledge to advance the July 8th agreement that President Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat reached a year ago. This agreement would begin the process of setting up bicomunal committees and working groups to address day-to-day issues facing those caught up in this conflict.

I am a cosponsor of H. Res. 405 because of the history I've outlined here. The July 8th agreement is the way forward for an island that has suffered far too long.

As a Greek American and as a member of the Hellenic Caucus, I could not feel more strongly about the reunification of Cyprus. The issue is straightforward and clear: we must aid our ally, the Republic of Cyprus, in righting the wrongs of the past 33 years. Passing H. Res. 405 is a step in the right direction.